

NOTE

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Group I (claims 1-14) in the reply filed on 9/25/2007 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that "applicant believes that the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden." This is not found persuasive because each group has distinct structure and/or composition, or directed to process steps which would require separate and additional searches. The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

2. The reply filed on 9/25/2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): in response to the species election, applicants merely state at page 2 that "Applicant also elects the species of claims 1 and 2." Applicants are reminded that the restriction requirement mailed 8/21/2007 has listed three categories of species, and stated that applicants must elect one single species from each category, therefore the response is clearly non-responsive. Proper response is required in the next reply. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Victor S. Chang whose telephone number is 571-272-1474. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 am - 5:00 pm, Tuesday - Thursday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel H. Morris can be reached on 571-272-1478. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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